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PRESIDENT ABUL KALAM AZAD IN THE FOLLOWING SPEECH ON THE OCCASION OF AFGHAN INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY, AS BROADCAST OVER RADIO AFGHANISTAN THURSDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 23 I EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE AFFECTIONATE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN ON THE OCCASION OF THIS NATIONAL RESURRECTION AND AMAZING POLITICAL CHANGE EMANATING FROM THE NATIONAL RESOLUTION. MY HEROIC FRIENDS WHO LAID THE CORNERSTONE OF THE FIRST REPUBLIC JOIN ME IN THANKING YOU ALL, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG AND SACRIFICING ARMY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FROM THE INCEPTION OF THE REPUBLICAN REGIME. MY COUNTRYMEN ARE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE COINCIDES WITH THE 6TH OF JUNE BUT IT IS USUALLY MARKED ON THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER IN PURSUANCE OF THIS PRACTICE, I AM OBLIGATED TO FLITATE ALL THE PEOPLE ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY FRIENDS ON THIS ANNIVERSARY WHICH EXEMPLIFIES THE GREAT STRUGGLE LAUNCHED BY THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN AGAINST AGGRESSION AND COLONIALISM WHICH REFLECTED IN AN UNDENIABLE MANNER THE SACRIFICES, PATRIOTISM AND FIRM DETERMINATION OF THE AFGHANS. AFGHANISTAN GAINED ITS INDEPENDENCE 50 YEARS AGO THROUGH THE PERSEVERANCE OF ITS GREAT LEADERS, ITS ARMY AND NATIONAL "GLADIATORS" AND THROUGH THE UNFORGETTABLE SERVICES OF THEIR MAJESTIES CHAZI AMANULLAH AND CHAZI MOHAMMED NADER SHAH SHAHID (THE MARTYRED) AND BY THE EFFORTS MADE ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO FOUGHT IN THE FOREFRONTS AGAINST THE FOREIGN FORCES. I PAY HOMAGE TO THOSE WHO GAINED OUR INDEPENDENCE AT THE EXPENSE OF THEIR LIVES.

AS PROMISED IN THE REPUBLICAN DECLARATION, STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE IN THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SPHERES ON THE BASIS OF THE LAW OF SOCIAL EVOLUTION. MY COLLEAGUES AND I MAKE THIS PROMISE AND WE ARE GOING TO FULFILL IT, TRUTHFULLY AND FAITHFULLY. A QUESTION IS BEING ASKED BY THE PUBLIC HERE AND ABROAD AS TO WHY I ~~HAVE~~ SACRIFICED MY FAMILY AND CLASS INTERESTS FOR THOSE OF THE DEPRIVED PEOPLE? A CLEAR ANSWER IS THAT THE UNJUST AND ANTI-NATIONAL POLICY OF THE MONARCHY DURING THE PAST DECADE AND THE EXPLOITATION OF THE LOWER CLASSES OF PEOPLE AND ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE ~~DEPRIVED~~ <sup>DEPRIVED</sup> ~~PEOPLE~~ <sup>PEOPLE</sup> AS WELL AS THE RAPID CHANGES THAT OCCURRED IN THE FACE OF THIS REGION ~~WAS~~ <sup>WAS</sup> THE WORLD AS A WHOLE WORKED AGAINST

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DESTRUCTION, REACTION AND COLONIALISM. AND THE CONSCIENCE OF NO PATRIOT ALLOWED HIM TO REMAIN SILENT IN THIS CRUCIAL ACTION. AS MENTIONED IN THE REPUBLICAN DECLARATION, ON THE BASIS OF THIS PATRIOTIC RESPONSIBILITY AND FOR THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE, WE WILL BE RAISING THE STANDARD OF A REAL AND REASONABLE DEMOCRACY TO SERVE THE MAJORITY BY ENSURING THE FULL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE AND RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. THE LONG-CHERISHED HOPES OF MINE WHICH WERE EXPRESSED WITH GOOD-WILL 10 YEARS AGO WERE NOT ONLY IGNORED BUT ALSO THE FORMER REGIME ACTED AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE DEPRIVED CLASSES AND CONTRARY TO REAL DEMOCRACY AND PROGRESS. AFGHANISTAN POSSESSES ABUNDANT NATURAL RESOURCES, FERTILE LAND, HARD-WORKING PEOPLE AND AN ANCIENT CIVILIZATION AND CULTURE. YET THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE PEOPLE LIVED UNDER THE PAST REGIME WERE PATHETIC. DURING THE LAST 10 YEARS, AFGHANISTAN WAS IN THE GRIP OF A SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CRISIS WHICH WAS QUITE PROFOUND.

ECONOMICALLY, AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TWO FIVE-YEAR PLANS, THE COUNTRY WAS FACED WITH STAGNATION AND LED TOWARDS COLLAPSE. PLANNING WAS SUBJECT TO PERSONAL WHIMS AND FANCIES. THE RATE OF GROWTH WAS REDUCED, CAPITAL WAS NOT ACCUMULATED ANNUALLY, PUBLIC INVESTMENT DECLINED AND PRIVATE SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS WERE NOT ATTRACTED. FOR INSTANCE, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF INVESTMENT ~~WAS REDUCED FROM AFS. 26.60 BILLION~~ IN THE SECOND PLAN TO AFS. 19.35 BILLION IN THE SO-CALLED THIRD PLAN. EXCEPT A FEW PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED WITH THE HELP OF SOME FRIENDLY COUNTRIES UNDER THE SECOND PLAN, THE ECONOMY TOOK A STEEP BACKWARD, CONSIDERING THE POPULATION GROWTH AND THE PACE OF OTHER DEVELOPING NATIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, NO SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE WAS ACHIEVED IN NATIONAL REVENUES AND AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE REVENUES WERE SPENT IN WRONG AND WHIMSICAL WAYS. PRIVATE INVESTMENT CONSTITUTED 9.6 PERCENT OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF THE FIRST PLAN WHILE IN THE SECOND, IT FORMED ONLY 6.7 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL. THE ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE COUNTRY WAS BUILT TO A LARGE EXTENT AS A RESULT OF THE TWO FIVE-YEAR PLANS BUT IT WAS NOT UTILISED FOR ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL EXPLOITATION. DURING THE PAST DECADE, INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL OUTPUTS DID NOT SHOW ANY APPRE-

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STABLE INCREASE. THE NATION'S ECONOMY IS BASED ON AGRICULTURE AS 90 PERCENT OF ITS  
~~1950~~ GNP IS OF AGRICULTURAL ORIGIN. ~~UNSCIENTIFIC~~ RELATIONS AND METHODS IN AGRICULTURE AND  
PARTING HAVE RESULTED TO THE POVERTY OF THE FARMER, THE LIMITED LOCAL MARKETS, SMALL

BUYING POWER AND LESS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. NO EFFECTIVE STEP WAS TAKEN DURING THE  
PAST DECADE TO IMPROVE THE TAXATION SYSTEM. TAXES PLAY A SMALL ROLE IN THE STATE REVE-  
NUES. THE LAND AND CATTLE TAXES AS WELL AS THE INCOME TAX TO BE PAID BY MERCHANTS AND

COMPANIES DECLINED. IN ORDER TO MAKE UP FOR THE INCREASING STATE EXPENDITURES, INDIRECT  
TAXATION WAS INCREASED. IN FOREIGN TRADE, AN OPEN DOOR POLICY WAS ADHERED TO WHILE

ESSENTIAL GOODS WERE NOT DISSENTIATED FROM THE NON-ESSENTIAL. THERE WAS NO CONTROL  
OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND EXCHANGE RATES FIXED PREVIOUSLY IN THE CASE OF EXPORTS WERE

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MANIPULATIONS. FOREIGN TRADE AGENTS WERE ACCORDED ~~EXCESSIVE~~ PRIVILEGES. THE NATIONAL  
ECONOMY WAS WEAKENED AND <sup>BROUGHT TO</sup> ~~ON~~ THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE. DURING THE PAST DECADE, ECONOMIC  
DISORDER AND ANARCHY PREVAILED IN SOCIETY, ~~THE~~ SLACKENING THE PACE OF PROGRESS.

SOCIALLY, THE STANDARDS OF LIVING, CULTURE AND HYGIENE DECLINED TO THEIR LOWEST GLOBAL  
LEVS. WHILE THE COST OF LIVING WAS STEADILY CLIMBING, THE SALARIES OF LOW-RANKING OFFICIAL  
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND THE WAGES OF WORKERS DID NOT RISE ACCORDINGLY. UNHAPPINESS AND  
UPROOTEDNESS WERE INTENSIFIED, DISEASES WERE WIDE-SPREAD, EDUCATION AND NATIONAL CULTURE  
WERE DECADENT, INSECURITY BECAME RAMPANT, LAWLESSNESS FLOURISHED, CORRUPTION AND OPPRES-

ION WERE <sup>THE</sup> ORDER OF THE DAY AMONG THE CRUEL HIGH OFFICIALS UNTILL THEY WERE BEYOND ANY  
CONTROL. TAMPERING WITH THE PUBLIC REVENUES, EMBEZZLEMENT, HOARDING, BRIBERY, SMUGGLING  
AND FORGERY WERE ON THE INCREASE AND MADE LIFE DIFFICULT FOR THE PEOPLE.

THE INTERNAL POLICY OF THE COUNTRY WAS BASED DURING THE PAST DECADE ON POLITICAL DECEIT  
TRICKERY, DEMOGOGY, PROVOCATION, VIOLENCE, DISCRIMINATION, DIVISION AMONG TRIBAL GROUPS  
CONTINUATION OF THE REGIME, INSTIGATION OF REACTIONARY FORCES AND SETTING THESE UP  
AGAINST THE PATRIOTIC ELEMENTS IN THE NAME OF DEMOCRACY. PEOPLE WERE SUFFOCATED AND  
OPPRESSED, THE OPPRESSORS WERE DEFENDED AND THE OPPRESSED WERE NOT LISTENED TO, IMMO-  
RALITY AMONG THE PEOPLE AND MORE SO AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS WAS PURPOSELY ENCOU-

*True!* RAGED. ANTI-NATIONAL INTRIGUES WERE HATCHED, DEMOCRACY WAS MISUSED AND THE PARLIAMENT WAS TURNED INTO AN ORGANISATION TO HUNTER THE PUBLIC TREASURY. THE PEOPLE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS WERE VIOLATED, THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE GAINED THE UPPER HAND.

THE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE PAST REGIME WAS THE NATION'S NEUTRALITY BASED ON INDEPENDENT JUDGEMENT BUT ACTUALLY NO SUCH JUDGEMENT WAS EXERCISED IN ANY CASE. IT WAS VIRTUALLY BASED ON COMPROMISE AND ACQUIESCENCE. NEITHER THE SIGHS NOR ~~AND~~ SOBS OF THE OPPRESSED NOR THE ALARMS THAT WERE SOUNDED FROM ALL SIDES DREW THE ATTENTION OF THE NAUGHTY REGIME TO THE PLIGHT OF THE MOTHERLAND. THE HOPES FOR BETTERMENT WAS KILLED AND THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE EXCEPT TOPPLING SUCH A REGIME. NOW WE ARE CALLED UPON TO PERFORM FEATS IN ORDER TO COMBAT THE FOUL LEGACY LEFT BEHIND BY THE PAST REGIME. UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE IS EXTENSIVE WHICH MUST BE DEALT WITH. THERE ARE MANY SHORTCOMINGS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE METHODS. THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IS DISORDERLY. THERE EXIST ALL SORTS OF PROBLEMS IN SOCIAL LIFE. THE STATE MACHINERY IS CORRUPT AND OBSOLETE TO THE EXTREME. POVERTY, IGNORANCE AND DISEASE ARE RAMPANT. DISCRIMINATION HAS BORN UNDESIRABLE FRUITS.

*True!* THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF PROBLEMS AND HUNDREDS OF ESSENTIAL NATIONAL DUTIES WHICH ARE TO BE SOLVED AND PERFORMED RESPECTIVELY. BUT CAN WE SOLVE ALL THESE PROBLEMS AT ONCE? CAN WE PERFORM ALL THESE NATIONAL DUTIES IMMEDIATELY? ACCORDING TO THE EXPERIENCES OF SOME OTHER DEVELOPING NATIONS, PR-MATURE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GROWTH PROVES UN-FRUITFUL. SAGACITY, FIRMNESS AND SCRUTINY CAN IMPROVE SOCIETY. THE CONDITIONS FOR SUCH IMPROVEMENT SHOULD BE OPENED STEP BY STEP WITH A VIEW TO <sup>WIDENING</sup> ~~EXPAND~~ THE SCOPE FOR ACTIVITIES FOR GRADUAL ADVANCEMENT. THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PEOPLE IN SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL LIFE OF THE NATION IS ESSENTIAL.

THEREFORE ONE CAN ASK THESE QUESTIONS: WHERE SHALL WE BEGIN FROM? AND WHICH DIRECTION SHALL WE TAKE?

IT MUST BE DECLARED THAT THE ESSENTIAL DUTY OF THIS YOUNG REPUBLIC IS TO CONSOLIDATE THE BASIS OF THIS REGIME. ENSURE FULL SECURITY, AND IMPLEMENT THE LAWS OF THE LAND SO THAT CONDITIONS MAY BE RIPE FOR THE PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IN A HEALTHY,

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SECURE AND DEMOCRATIC WAY WITHOUT ANY DISCRIMINATION. SHORTLY A COMMISSION WILL BE SET UP TO STUDY AND DRAFT THE REPUBLICAN CONSTITUTION WHICH IS TO BE APPROVED BY A LOYA JI-GA II. ORDER THAT A REAL DEMOCRACY MAY BE REALISED. THE REPUBLICAN ORDER NECESSITATES A PROFOUND CHANGE IN THE COUNTRY'S SOCIAL SYSTEM AND EFFORTS WOULD BE SPARED IN ACHIEVING THIS GOAL.

WITH THE OUSTING OF THE OLD REGIME, THE PEOPLE HAVE GAINED THE REINS AND THE YOUNG REPUBLICAN REGIME IS EXEMPLIFYING NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. HAPPILY THIS REGIME IS ENJOYING THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE AND REPRESENTS THEIR INTERESTS. ACCORDING TO THE NEW CONSTITUTION, PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AND THE SEPARATION OF POWERS, THE LEGAL EQUALITY OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LEGAL PARTICIPATION THEREOF IN NATIONAL LIFE SHALL BE DEFINED. THE DEFENCE OF NATIONAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST SACRED DUTIES OF THE REPUBLIC. THE ARMED FORCES AND DEFENCE CAPACITY THEREOF WILL BE STRENGTHENED WITH DUE REGARD TO THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THIS REGION. THE YOUNG ARMY WILL BELONG TO THE REPUBLIC.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINE WILL BE REORGANISED FROM THE STANDPOINTS OF PERSONNEL, METHODS, SIMPLICITY AND SPEED TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE. INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS AND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS WILL BE EXPANDED ON THE BASIS OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND THE SUPPLEMENTARY LAWS THEREOF AS THESE ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE NEW ORDER. IN ORDER TO INSURE THE LEGAL FREEDOM OF THE PEOPLE ACCORDING TO NATIONAL INTERESTS AND THOSE OF THE REPUBLIC, STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN RIGHT NOW.

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VARIOUS PRATE-NAL TRIBES ~~INHABIT~~ AFGHANISTAN WHICH ARE BOUND TOGETHER BY VARIOUS TIES. THEY ARE SHARING A COMMON DESTINY AS WELL AS HISTORY AS THEY WAGED A COMMON STRUGGLE TO GAIN THE NATION'S INDEPENDENCE. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO COOPERATE IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATIONAL CULTURE TO CREATE A REAL NATIONAL UNITY BASED ON EQUALITY, FRATERNITY AND FRIENDSHIP. THE REPUBLICAN REGIME IS ~~OF THE VARIOUS~~

TRYING TO UPROOT DISCRIMINATION IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS.

IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, AFGHANISTAN SHOULD MAKE ESSENTIAL REFORMS TO COMBAT UNDERDEVELOPMENT, BRING ABOUT A PROFOUND CHANGE, BUILD AN INDEPENDENT AND PROGRESSIVE ECONOMY ON THE BASIS OF PLANNING USING MODERN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS. THE CREATION OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES, MINING, METALLURGY, MACHINE MAKING, CHEMICAL AND ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES GUARANTEES SPEEDY ADVANCEMENT. IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TO EXPLOIT THE HAJIGAK IRON DEPOSITS IN ORDER TO SET UP A STEEL MILL CONSTITUTE <sup>ONE OF</sup> THE LONG-CHERISHED ASPIRATIONS OF THE STATE. THIS IS ESSENTIAL FOR NATIONAL INDUSTRIALISATION. INVESTMENT IN MEDIUM AND SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES WILL BE ENCOURAGED THROUGH THE PRIVATE SECTOR. SUCH PRIVATE ENTERPRISES WILL BE PROTECTED, GUIDED AND CONTROLLED AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PRIVATE AND THE PUBLIC SECTORS WILL BE ENSURED TO ACHIEVE THE HARMONIOUS GROWTH OF NATIONAL INDUSTRIES. HOME INDUSTRIES, HANDICRAFTS AND INDIGENOUS ARTS WILL BE PROTECTED AND A POLICY OF PROTECTION WILL BE FOLLOWED IN THE CASE OF NATIONAL TRADE IN THE FACE OF FOREIGN COMPETITION. FOREIGN TRADE WILL BE GUIDED ON THE BASIS OF NATIONAL INTERESTS. FOREIGN EXCHANGE SHALL BE STRICTLY CONTROLLED, EXCESSIVE <sup>RATES</sup> INTEREST PREVAILING IN THE BLACK MARKET SHALL BE PREVENTED, SAVINGS AND DEPOSITS SHALL BE ENCOURAGED IN THE BANKS AND DIRECT TAXES SHALL BE PREFERRED TO THE INDIRECT ONE. ALSO THE TAXATION SYSTEM WILL BE IMPROVED AS A WHOLE.

LAND REFORM WILL CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE MAJOR STEPS TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE MAJORITY. PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION COOPERATIVES SHALL BE SET UP JOINTLY BY THE MAJORITY AND THE GOVERNMENT. FALLOW LANDS WILL BE CULTIVATED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. IRRIGATION NETWORKS WILL BE ~~DEVELOPED~~ EXTENDED AND SCIENTIFIC MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO ENHANCE STOCK BREEDING. PUBLIC BUILDINGS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TIME AND CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES SHALL TAKE PLACE ON AN EXPANDED SCALE SO THAT HOUSES MAY BE DISTRIBUTED ONLY AMONG THOSE WHO DESERVE THEM. TOWN PLANNING WILL BE REVIVED AND THE 25-YEAR <sup>YEAR</sup> PLAN FORMULATED FOR KABUL WILL BE IMPLEMENTED. COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS WILL BE IMPROVED AND COMMERCIAL CENTRES WILL BE INTERCONNECTED THROUGH HIGHWAYS. THE POSSIBILITIES OF INTRODUCING RAILROADS IN THE FUTURE WILL BE STUDIED.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL ~~ENCOURAGE~~ ENCOURAGE ~~AND~~ ENCOURAGE ~~THE~~ THE ~~WELFARE~~ WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE. PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN CITIES WILL BE FACILITATED.

UNDER THE PRESENT ~~CIRCUMSTANCES~~, THE MAJORITY IS DEPRIVED OF THEIR RIGHTS AND MATERIAL AS WELL AS SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS OF LIFE. THIS IS NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRESENT CIVILIZATION AND WORTHY OF THE AFGHAN NATION. THE SOCIAL REFORM PROGRAM CONSISTS OF IMPROVING

WORKING CONDITIONS, <sup>ENSURING</sup> A BETTER LIVELIHOOD FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND

PROMOTION THEREOF ON THE BASIS OF FITNESS, PIETY, PATRIOTISM AND SERVICE FOR THE MOTHERLAND. THE FIXING OF THE MINIMUM WAGE FOR WORKERS IS ONE OF THE EARLY TARGETS OF

THE REPUBLICAN REGIME. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO EARN SOMETHING TO MEET THEIR REQUIREMENTS.

ALSO WORKING HOURS WILL BE FIXED AND THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK WILL

BE ADHERED TO. A PROGRESSIVE AND DEMOCRATIC LABOUR LAW WILL BE LEGISLATED

TO IMPROVE THE WORKING CONDITIONS. THIS WILL ALSO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF INDUSTRIAL

AS WELL AS AGRICULTURAL WORKERS. SOCIAL INSURANCE WILL BE CREATED FOR THE WORKERS AND

OTHER LABORERS IN BOTH RURAL AND URBAN AREAS CONFORMING WITH THE FINANCIAL SITUATION

OF THE COUNTRY. MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT AND FIXING OF RENTS IN THE CASE OF SHOPS, HOUSES AND FIRMS WILL RECEIVE URGENT ATTENTION.

THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS WILL BE REVISED, ILLITERACY WILL BE COMBATED AND A CAMPAIGN

WILL BE LAUNCHED TO REVIVE THE NATIONAL CULTURE, CREATE PIETY AND PATRIOTISM AMONG THE

YOUNGER GENERATIONS. THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION WILL REMAIN COMPULSORY AND FREE OF CHARGE

AND THE GROUND WILL BE PREPARED FOR THE TRAINING OF BOYS AND GIRLS IN HIGHER INSTITUTIONS

TO CREATE CADRES IN SCIENTIFIC FIELDS. THE PRESS WILL BE EXPANDED TO INCREASE ITS OUTPUT

OF DEMOCRATIC INFORMATION IN ORDER TO ENSURE PUBLIC ENLIGHTENMENT. NATIONAL ARTS, THE

THEATRE, CINEMA AND RADIO WILL BE SUPPORTED AND EXPANDED AND STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO

SET UP A TELEVISION NETWORK WHEN NECESSARY. ARCHEOLOGICAL RESEARCH, PRESERVATION OF

HISTORICAL RELICS, MUSEUMS <sup>AND</sup> LIBRARIES WILL BE ENCOURAGED AND EXPANDED. CURATIVE AS WELL

AS PREVENTIVE MEDICINE WILL BE PROMOTED, CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTED, HOSPITALS,

MATERNITY HARDS, NURSERIES AND KINDERGARTENS INCREASED TO PROTECT MOTHERS AND CHILDREN.

PROSTITUTION, HASHISH, OPION AND ALCOHOL WILL BE UPROOTED AND A CAMPAIGN WILL BE

again? LAUNCHING AGAINST SCARCITY PRICES, INCLUDING A REGULATION. CONDITIONS WILL BE CREATED TO EQUALISE MEN AND WOMEN IN ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL FIELDS. THE "KOCHELS" ~~WILL BE SUTLED ON PUBLIC LANDS~~ WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG OTHER LANDLESS PEOPLE. A BASIC CULTURAL CHANGE CALLS FOR FUNDAMENTAL REFORMS IN THE ECONOMIC AS WELL AS SOCIAL SPHERES TO ENSURE REAL DEMOCRACY.

THE EVOLUTION OF THIS REGION AS WELL AS OF THE WHOLE WORLD IS INTERRELATED WITH GREAT SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN OCCURRING. THE LIBERATION STRUGGLES AND PEACE COEXISTENCE ARE GAINING THE UPPER HAND IN THE WORLD. SUCH CHANGES WILL BE CONSIDERED IN FORMULATING THE <sup>EXTERNAL</sup> ~~INTERNAL~~ POLICY OF THE COUNTRY. AFGHANISTAN WILL ALWAYS REMAIN A PEACE-LOVING NATION. IT WILL RESPECT ITS JUST INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND BELIEVES THAT WITH THE HELP OF OTHER UN MEMBERS WHICH ALSO FOLLOW A POLICY OF PEACE SHALL BE <sup>OF</sup> SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE RELAXATION OF TENSION AND <sup>HELP THE</sup> ~~DETECTE~~. IT WILL ALSO HELP PUT AN END TO THE POLICY OF COLONIALISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION SO THAT SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLES MAY BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY, ISRAELI AGGRESSION TERMINATED, THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE ~~RESTORED~~ <sup>RESTORED</sup>, COEXISTENCE BETWEEN DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS ESTABLISHED, AGGRESSION AND RESORT TO VIOLENCE AVOIDED IN RESOLVING INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THESE TARGETS, THE REPUBLICAN REGIME WILL BE PREPARED TO EXPAND ITS RELATIONS IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS <sup>WITH</sup> ~~WITH~~ ALL NATIONS ON THE BASIS OF ACTIVE NEUTRALITY, NON-PARTICIPATION IN MILITARY PACTS, RESPECT TO UN CHARTER, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH ALL PEACE-LOVING NATIONS. THE REPUBLICAN REGIME ONCE MORE DECLARES THAT IN PURSUANCE OF THE REPUBLICAN DECLARATION AND THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE, PEACE AND JUSTICE, NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY CONSTITUTE THE FOUR PILLARS OF ITS INTERNAL <sup>AS WELL AS ITS</sup> ~~INTERNAL~~ POLICIES. THEREFORE LIVING IN PEACE AND EXPANDING FRIENDLY TIES ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECTS WITH ALL NATIONS FORM ONE OF OUR HEARTFELT DESIRES. OUR GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION WILL NEVER BE RUINED. WE HAVE CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE OTHER NEIGHBOURLY COUNTRY, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. WE WISH THE TIES ~~BE~~ <sup>TO</sup> EXPANDED. OUR RELATIONS WITH OUR IRANIAN BROTHERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FRIENDLY



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"TO DREAM DISTURBED DREAMS IS NOT WHAT THE PEOPLE WITH LIVE HEARTS DO. THEY BUILD  
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LONG LIVE AFGHANISTAN. LONG LIVE THE PEOPLE AND THE REPUBLICAN STANDARD BE WAVING  
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